

REMARKS

The Examiner made a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a spider clamp, classified in class 264, subclass 66+.
- II. Claims 7-12, drawn to a pipe and flange combination, classified in class 81, subclass 57.34+.
- III. Claims 13-16, drawn to a method of welding pipe using welding means and a positive welding step, classified in class 228, subclass 212.

Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-6 drawn to a spider clamp.

However this election is made with traverse.

Applicant has cancelled the non-elected claims and has added new claims 17-23 which are directed toward the spider clamp of Group I.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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